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HONG KONG AND MANILA FOR INS DIDIR FELDMAN

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1. REFTTEL ARRIVED TWO HOURS AFTER ALL THREE INS
OFFICERS HAD LEFT FOR THE FIELD. WE HAD AGREED WITH THEM ON
SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE HANDLING OF CATEGORY III
REFUGEES.

2. ETHNIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS ASSIGNED POINTS TO CATEGORY
III PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS BEFORE INS ARRIVAL. EAO'S
ARE PRESENTING DURING THE FIRST SWEEP, FOR EXAMPLE,
ONLY THOSE CATEGORY III LAO AND HMONG IN THE NONGKHAI
CAMP WHO HAVE AT LEAST 24 POINTS. THOSE WHO FALL IN
THIS GROUP REPRESENT A MINIMAL PERCENTAGE OF THE
POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE CATEGORY III CADIDATES.

3. THE DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL FROM OUR PREVIOUS
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REPORTING THAT WE TOLD THE RTG WE WOULD
PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE SIKHIU CAMP, WHICH ALMOST
EXCLUSIVELY CONTAINS VIETNAMESE. THE RTG REGARDS THE
VIETNAMESE AS PERMANENTLY INELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL SETTLE-
MENT IN THAILAND. INS IN OCTOBER APPROVED 47
CATEGORY III REFUGEES FROM THE SIKHIU CAMP, AND
APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THEM ARE ALREADY IN THE UNITED

STATES. FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS THERE IS THUS NO MEANS OF NOT NOTIFYING THEM OF APPROVAL "UNTIL RESOLUTION MADE OF NUMBERS OF APPROVED CATS I AND II " AS REFTEL INDICATES.

4. THE STATEMENT THAT DIDIR HONG KONG OR HIS DELEGATE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL ORDERING OF THE HIGHEST CATEGORY III REFUGEES DOSSIERS BEFORE THE SECOND SWEEP OF THE CAMPS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR DIDIR HONG KONG HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PASS ON CATEGORY III CASES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REFUGEE COORDINATOR IN BANGKOK. WE BELIEVE THAT THE JOINT REVIEW SHOULD BE PASS/FAIL RATHER THAN A SYSTEM WHEREBY TWO INDIVIDUALS WOULD RANK ORDER REFUGEES TO WHOM ETHNIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS HAVE ALREADY ASSIGNED POINTS.

5. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO DEFER CATEGORY I UNACCOMPANIED MARRIED SIBLINGS TO ACHIEVE THE MINIMUM OF 1600 CATEGORY III SPACES. THEIR HUMANITARIAN PLIGHT IS PARTICULARLY ACUTE, AND EAO REVIEW AND LACK OF DOCUMENTATION SHOULD RESULT IN SOME ATTRITION OF THE ONLY 350 REFUGEES WHO ARE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS GROUPING.

6. WE WILL CAREFULLY RESTRICT THE PRESENTATION TO INS OF POST AUGUST 11 ARRIVALS, AND COVER ONLY THE MOST COMPELLING CASES OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY UNIFICATION WHERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPENDANCY CHARACTERIZES THE CASE, AS REFTEL RECOMMENDS.

7. REFTEL STATES THAT MINORS DISTANTLY RELATED TO SOMEONE IN THE U.S. BUT NOT RELATED TO AND/OR DEPENDENT UPON AN IPP QUALIFYING CANDIDATE WILL NOT BE PAROLLED UNDER IPP. OUR PREVIOUS REPORTING INDICATES THAT ONLY 19 REFUGEES FALL IN THIS GROUPING. IF SAVING SPACES IS THE ONLY MOTIVE FOR EXCLUDING THEM, WE WOULD POSIT THAT 19 WOULD BE ABSORABLE IN THE 8000.

8. GIVEN THE DISTANCE AND TIME LAG BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BANGKOK, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE IT SET IN THE TELEGRAM ON JVR STAFFING, GIVING EMBASSY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE ITS VIEWS CONSIDERED WHILE COURSE OF ACTION BEING DETERMINED. WHITEHOUSE

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